

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* PLANTING RICE, CORN AND SORGHUM

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RELEASED: April 12,1999 3:00 p.m.– Temperatures for the week were above normal for the week with storms over the weekend bringing some areas above normal rainfall according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 3.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 51 percent adequate and 49 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included preparing equipment and land for planting of row crops, planting of rice, corn and sorghum, and fertilizing wheat and pasture.

CROPS: Planting rice, corn, and sorghum was reported by several counties. Fertilizing and applying herbicides to wheat. Tomatoes and sweet corn were being planted and peaches were being sprayed for diseases.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle producers continued to market cattle, wean calves and breed beef cattle herds. Producers continued to feed hay. Cattle were given vaccinations, treated for worms, and were reported in good condition statewide. Producers continued to sell cattle on wheat pasture which have continued to make good gains.

Crop Progress and Conditions

| Progress % | | | | Condition % ¹ | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| CROP Stage | Current Week | Previous Year | 5 Year Average | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| SORGHUM | | | | | | | | |
| Planted | 5 | 11 | 13 | | | | | |
| RICE | | | | | | | | |
| Planted | 1 | 8 | 9 | | | | | |
| CORN | | | | | | | | |
| Planted | 23 | 49 | 55 | | | | | |
| WHEAT | | | | 0 | 1 | 14 | 62 | 23 |
| Headed | 10 | 17 | 13 | | | | | |
| ALFALFA | | | | 0 | 0 | 35 | 64 | 1 |
| OTH. HAY | | | | 0 | 7 | 42 | 46 | 5 |
| PASTURE | | | | 0 | 8 | 37 | 47 | 8 |

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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